

**METHOD FOR DISPLAYING SWITCH PORT INFORMATION IN A NETWORK
TOPOLOGY DISPLAY**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems and methods for displaying network node ports and related
5 information in a network topology display. The user is able to clearly view ports of a
connection device in the network and to view additional port information, such as the port
type and the port number, for connected and unconnected ports of a network connection
device. In addition, the user is able to toggle between a “show ports” mode and a “hide
ports” mode for each connection device to view detailed information about the connection
10 device ports or to hide the information in order to simplify the display.

“show ports” mode